

# REPORT

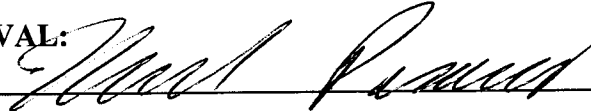
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**TO:** Regional Council

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**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to Executive Committee to Approve the conformity determination for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the conformity determination for the Final 2004 RTP Amendment.

**SUMMARY:**

On June 1, 2006, the Transportation and Communications Committee released the Draft 2004 RTP Amendment for a 30-day public review and comment period. The public comment period closes on July 7, 2006, and the final Amendment will be ready for adoption in August. However, the Regional Council and policy committees will not meet in August. Staff recommends that the Regional Council delegate authority to the SCAG Executive Committee to approve the 2004 RTP Amendment.

SCAG staff has determined that the RTP, if amended, would continue to meet the conformity requirements, including emissions analysis and financial constraint. The only remaining component of the amendment process that must be addressed is the response to public comments received. Staff will provide the EEC and Regional Council a matrix of comments received upon completion of the public review period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Omnitrans has requested that SCAG amend the 2004 RTP to add a bus rapid transit project, called sbX for San Bernardino Express, to San Bernardino County. The sbX project is ready to advance to the project development phase, but will not receive approval to do so from the Federal Transit Administration until the project is included in the RTP. The sbX project is not currently included in the 2004 RTP. SCAG staff has determined that the RTP, if amended, would continue to meet the conformity requirements, including emissions analysis and financial constraint. The sbX project is also included in the Draft 2006 RTP.

The Notice of Availability and the Draft Amendment document are available at major libraries across the region and also at the SCAG web page, [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov), under "What's New". A public hearing is scheduled at SCAG on July 6, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. July 7, 2006.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for RTP development are included in the FY 05/06 and FY 06/07 Overall Work Program.